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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON FISHING BOAT

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1. ON 10 JULY 1976 HKG ESCORTED OUT OF HK WATERS A VIETNAMESE FISHING BOAT MOORED IN HONG KONG SINCE 7 JULY. HKG REFUSED PERMISSION FOR VIETNAMESE TO LAND. DESTINATION OF THE BOAT IS UNCERTAIN, BUT HKG DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION SURMISES PROBABILITY OF TAIWAN OR PHILIPPINES WITH POSSIBILITY OF GUAM.

2. BOAT IS FIFTY-FOUR FT, WOODEN HULL, HOLDING SIXTEEN REFUGEES. BOAT HAS NO NAME/MARKINGS. BOAT EQUIPPED WITH MAGNETIC COMPASS, LIMITED CHARTS, AND TRANSISTOR RADIO (RECEIVE ONLY). SEA WORTHINESS OF BOAT CONSIDERED QUESTIONABLE.

3 SIXTEEN REFUGEES ARE MADE UP OF TWO FAMILIES, INCLUDING CHILDREN (YOUNGEST CHILD TWO YEARS OLD). ONE WOMAN 7- 8 MOS PREGNANT. PERSON IN CHARGE, NGYUEN MAN SHAN, HAS LIMITED SAILING EXPERIENCE.

4. BASED ON THREE-DAY TRANSIT TIME BETWEEN DANANG AND HONG KONG, BOAT CAPABLE OF SIX KNOTS. ESTIMATE ENOUGH PROVISIONS ON BOARD

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FOR ONE WEEK AT SEA. BOAT FILLED WITH FUEL PRIOR DEPARTURE

HONG KONG.

5. ABOVE INFORMATION INTENDED TO ALERT ALL ADDRESSEES THAT
REFUGEE VESSEL MAY APPEAR IN YOUR VICINITY IN NEED OF
ASSISTANCE. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED IF ANY INFORMATION
RECEIVED ON FATE OF VESSEL. APPROPRIATE MILITARY ADDRESSEES
BEING INFORMED THROUGH SEPARATE CHANNELS.
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